is not inolved in its functioning and docs not probe into the linkage. NASSCOM has established with stakeholders in the software sector.

Annual growth rate of trade in IT

† 4482. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to slate:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate of trade in the information technology industry has been assessed to 56.5 per cent during the last five years;

(b) if not, the actual annual growth rate thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been meagre increase in the contribution of service sector in the Gross Domestic Production of the country during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(d) if so, the annual growth rate during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per a National Assocation of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) survey, the Indian IT software and services industry has been growing at a compounded annual growth rate of 56.5 per cent in the last five years.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The contribution of service sector to the GDP has grown from 41% in 1990-91 to around 49% in 2000-01. The service sector as a whole is growing faster than the GDP and grew at

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

8.2% in 1998-99, at 9.6% in 1999-21)00 and is expected to grow at 8.3% in 2000-01. IT is the fastest growing segment in the services sector and its contribution as a percentage of GDP grew from 2.29% in 1998-99 to 3.24% in 1999-2000.

Posts of Hindi Translators/Officers/Assistants in the Ministry of Labour

4483. DR. Y. LAK.SHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in his Ministry and allied PSUs/attached and subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondence;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) 334 posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/Assistants have been created.

(b) Details of vacant posts are given in the statement enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) Posts are to be filled by way of direct recruitment/promotion/ deputation as per the provisions of recruitment rules. Requisitions have been sent to the Union Public Service Commission & Staff Selection Commission for nomination of direct recruit candidates. Procedural formalities are being completed for filling up of the posts by promotion/deputation.